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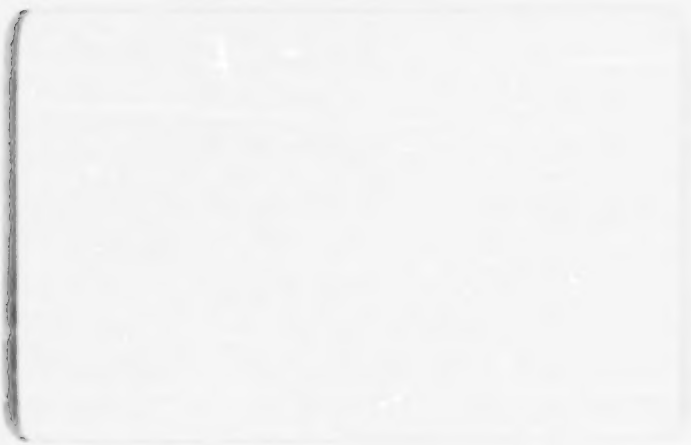

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"L" DIVISION RCMP

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PREFACE:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Prince Edward Island continues to pursue its objectives of: maintaining peace, order and security; crime prevention and law enforcement; in accordance with the policing contracts entered into with the Province and Municipalities which we serve.

On April 1, 1988, we will commence our fifty-seventh year of service to the residents of Prince Edward Island. As in the past, every effort is being made to provide the highest level of performance at the most reasonable cost. The need to make cost efficient use of human and other resources is stressed at all levels.

Detachments continue to be operated at Alberton, Summerside, Borden, Charlottetown, Sherwood/Parkdale, Montague and Souris. A summer detachment is operated at Cavendish to respond to the increased work-load due to the tourist influx.

Division Headquarters, located in Charlottetown, houses Division management, specialized sections and support services for the R.C.M.P. throughout Prince Edward Island.

PERSON POWER DISTRIBUTION:

As of 87-12-31, the total established strength of "L" Division was 157, deployed in the following manner:

Establishment by Rank and Location:

	Chief Supt.	Insp.	S/Sgt.	Sgt.	Cpl.	Cst.	S/Cst.	C/M	PSE	UNCL
Division HQ	1	1	5	9	12	7	-	9	14	2
Alberton	-	-	-	1	2	9	-	-	1	-
Summerside	-	-	1	-	3	9	1	-	2	-
Borden	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	1	-
Charlottetown	-	-	1	1	6	22	-	-	3	-
Sherwood/ Parkdale	-	-	-	1	1	7	-	-	-	-
Montague	-	-	-	1	1	8	-	-	1	-
Souris	-	-	-	1	1	6	-	-	1	-
TOTALS:	1	1	7	15	26	72	1	9	23	2

Establishment By Major Function:

Provincial Policing	103
Municipal Policing	12
Federal Policing	20
Division Administration	22
TOTALS:	157

DIVISION MANAGEMENT:

"L" Division maintained a complement of two (2) Commissioned Officers during 1987. The Commanding Officer is responsible for the overall operation of the R.C.M.P. in Prince Edward Island. The Officer in charge of Criminal Operations reports to the Commanding Officer and is responsible for operational policy and policing in the Division, as well as the related duties of Division Intelligence and Security Officer.

The operations of the R.C.M.P. in the Province are divided into five (5) responsibility areas:

- Criminal Operations
- Financial Services (F.S.S.)
- Staffing, Personnel and Training (Regular Members, Civilian Members and Special Constables)
- Administration, Personnel (Public Service Employees) and Informatics
- Planning and Review

Each Responsibility Centre Manager reports and is responsible to the Commanding Officer.

CRIMINAL OPERATIONS BRANCH:

Under our current organizational structure, there are eleven (11) Units/Sections with Division-wide responsibility reporting directly to the Officer in Charge Criminal Operations Branch. Their duties include providing support services, co-ordination and enforcement of Federal laws and the Criminal Code throughout the Province of Prince Edward Island.

IDENTIFICATION SERVICES:

This Section provides a twenty-four hour specialized and technical support service to all operational units across the Province. During 1987, Ident Services conducted 346 case examinations, isolating 390 identifiable fingerprints in addition to 61 other types of physical evidence. Of these, 98 fingerprints and 14 other types of evidence were linked to specific criminals, while 128 fingerprints were identified to non-criminals.

General activities of this Section include the examination of crime scenes for fingerprints and other physical evidence. Evidence of value is captured through photography, casting and plan drawing.

The members of our Ident Section have established a local computerized fingerprint collection. This enables our Identification specialists, upon processing crime scenes, to return to the Unit and search the crime scene prints in less than a quarter of the time it took for a manual search.

A new regional automatic fingerprint system is planned for the future which will give fingerprint technicians access to latent fingerprint files in Ottawa. This will enable scenes of crime prints to be completely searched in approximately two hours.

CRIME PREVENTION/POLICY COMMUNITY RELATIONS SECTION:

The objective and mandate of this one member Section is to obtain community involvement in the policing function. Active participation by members of the community is becoming increasingly necessary as the population grows and results in greater demands on policing services with associated escalation of costs. Experience shows an involved community can assist in both preventing crime, as well as providing major contributions to the solving of offences.

During the past year, this Section has been actively involved in the Province's Victims of Crime Program and is an active participant in the new Victims Assistance Program Advisory Committee. Additionally, as part of the Province-wide Crime Prevention Strategy, this member also assisted in and took an active part in the National Crime Prevention Conference for Youth held in Summerside in November 1987.

C.I.B. READERS/SUPPORT SERVICES:

This Unit provides Division management with informed opinions on operational matters. These opinions are based on research and analysis of current legislation and Force policies. It is also responsible for providing operational units with policy guidelines based on current legislation and the Force's mandate. Policy guidelines are prepared after consultation with the

applicable Provincial Department and Crown Attorney. Operational units are provided with new Legislative/Statute amendments and training where needed in their application.

SECURITY SYSTEMS SECTION:

This Section is responsible for physical security surveys and for developing contingency plans associated with vital points inspection programs. It also provides security planning and inspections for Federal Government departments and agencies. The planning and co-ordinating of the security arrangements for VIP visits, the development of contingency plans for natural disasters are also the responsibility of this one member Unit.

SPECIAL "I" SECTION:

This member is technically qualified and is responsible for our program to provide an electronic related support service to criminal investigative activities. This is provided through the use of equipment and expertise in the field of audio electronic and video surveillance as permitted under the provisions of Section 178 of the Criminal Code.

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION SECTION:

This Unit is responsible for the enforcement of Customs, Excise and Immigration Acts, and other Federal Statutes. Along with enforcement responsibilities, this Unit co-ordinates and offers operational supervision and assistance to all Detachments throughout the Province.

DRUG SECTION:

This six member Section is dedicated to the enforcement of the Narcotic Control Act and Food & Drugs Act throughout the Province of Prince Edward Island. Enforcement is focused on the upper echelon of the illicit drug

trade, specifically major traffickers within the Province, as well as importers of drugs. In this regard, greater emphasis is being placed on a Coastal Watch Program, aimed at the sighting and reporting of vessels of foreign origin or ones unknown to local coastal residents. Island fishermen who have first hand knowledge of the vessels in their areas have been asked to assist in this endeavour. Drug enforcement continues to become an increasingly difficult task as the use/abuse of illicit drugs becomes more and more acceptable at all levels of our society. The active co-operation and assistance of the public is considered essential in combatting this destructive and illegal trade.

COMMERCIAL CRIME SECTION:

This Section has Province-wide responsibility for conducting investigations and enforcement under the fraud and corruption provisions of the Criminal Code. In addition, it engages its resources and applies them to questionable transactions under the Bankruptcy Act; investigates Provincial securities legislation and related sections of the Criminal Code concerning the illicit sale, promotion, disposal and manipulation of securities. The Section also assists Federal and Provincial Government departments in the investigation and enforcement of Federal financial statutes and Provincial statutes such as Securities Act, Companies Act, and Direct Sellers Act.

Becoming more prominent over the last two years are investigations involving frauds perpetrated against and within the Federal and Provincial Governments.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE:

Trained operators maintain twenty-four hour coverage in our central response centre in Charlottetown. During 1987, the Communications Centre handled 6,399 occurrences from various areas of the Province. The Centre has access to the nation-wide Canadian Police Information Centre computer system for wanted or missing persons, vehicle information, suspended drivers, and stolen or missing property. It also has limited access to the P. E. I. Government computer system and can retrieve information from the motor vehicle file as well as the Young Offender file. The centre is equipped with a "Vu-phone" for the hearing impaired, as well as a facsimile capable of transmitting/receiving coloured photographs, fingerprints, and messages to/from other police departments located throughout Canada.

POLICE DOG SERVICES:

This Section continues to respond to various requests for services across the Province. Homicide, assaults, robbery, break and enters, and missing persons are examples of the type of calls which this Unit can handle. During 1987, the Dog Master and PSD London responded to 107 cases. PSD London has the distinction of being the only canine with the R.C.M.P. that is qualified to search out illict spirits under the Excise Act.

TRAFFIC SUPERVISOR:

Traffic services are a major portion of our duties on Prince Edward Island. This one member Unit is tasked with developing strategies which are aimed at reducing traffic deaths, personal injury and property damage resulting from motor vehicle use on Prince Edward Island. He is also a

member of the "Safe Driving Project on Drinking and Driving" established in 1987 which is aimed at the problem of drinking and driving on Prince Edward Island.

DRUG AWARENESS SECTION:

This Section has been recently established as a result of the Federal Government's commitment towards reducing the national demand for Drugs of Abuse.

This Section is committed to assisting, as an educational resource, schools, parents and other groups in the education of young and old alike, about alcohol and drug abuse. This effort is considered long term, and should gain ready support from the community towards bringing this problem under control.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

The Division Financial Services Section (F.S.S.) prepares and monitors the Division's budgetary programs. Figures for the fiscal year 1987/88 were:

Source of Funds:

Federal Government	$3,438,600.00
Provincial Government	4,500,000.00
Municipal Government	448,000.00
TOTAL	$8,386,600.00

Note: Although this Annual Report is based on the calendar year, the R.C.M.P. financial system is based on the fiscal calendar - 87-04-01 - 88-03-31.

Disbursement of Funds:

Salaries and Allowances	$6,789,000.00
Transportation and Travel	420,000.00
Professional and Special Services	202,000.00
Rentals	70,000.00
Repair and Upkeep	151,000.00
Utilities and Supplies	428,000.00
Miscellaneous	38,000.00
Equipment	288,600.00
TOTAL	$8,386,600.00

During the past year, a concerted effort was maintained to keep expenditures to a "minimum", as well as realizing "maximum" benefit of dollars spent. Managers at all levels have been required to monitor high

cost factors (e.g. overtime), and to promote energy conservation measures. Members have also been requested to identify and utilize innovative measures in relation to the daily operation of transport and equipment.

ADMIN/PERSONNEL, INFORMATICS:

This responsibility centre is responsible for the overall administration of our internal management activities in such areas as: staff relations, internal investigations, pay administration, discipline, organization, and establishment.

ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING (EDP):

Electronic Data Processing has made significant increases both in numbers and capabilities over the past year. Centralized processing (Ottawa) has seen most major applications continue to increase in use to meet the ever growing needs of the user community. Some of the major applications are: Police Information Retrieval System (PIRS); Operational Statistics Reporting System (OSR); Personnel Administration Research & Development System (PARADE); Materiel Accounting & Reporting System (MARS); and Division Intelligence Bank (DIB).

Each unit, with the exception of Sherwood/Parkdale, has the capability to access all Data Centre systems. Sherwood/Parkdale will receive their terminal this summer once they are settled in their new quarters.

In addition to these centralized systems, we have increased our complement of Unit Data Processors (U.D.P.) by three, bringing our total to six. Two of these units include internal storage of ten (10) megabytes. Our software continues to grow with the addition of DBASE III PLUS, a database management system and upgrading of our financial spreadsheet and word processing systems.

Our position of E.D.P. Manager was filled this year to handle our programming and other computer needs.

PROVINCIAL POLICING:

Prince Edward Island continues to have one of the lowest crime incident rates per capita throughout Canada.

All Detachment and Highway Patrol personnel are responsible for both Criminal Code and Highway Traffic enforcement programs. The objective, to prevent and detect crime and maintain law and order in the communities which they serve, continues to be the fundamental goal of these units. Our members are encouraged to become involved in community programs and to assist/encourage the communities to become involved in activities such as Neighbourhood Watch, Block Parent, Cottage Watch, etc.

Many of the activities performed by our Detachment and Highway Patrol personnel are actually non-police functions. These include escorting mental patients, acting as court orderlies, preparing court dockets, escorting and guarding prisoners from the Provincial Correctional Centre, confiscating drivers' licenses and vehicle registration, collecting fines in lieu of executing warrants, etc. While time and resource consuming, we will continue to provide this extra service as long as economic circumstances will permit.

1987 showed a reduction of 6.35% in the total reported Criminal Code occurrences, while our successful clearance rates (i.e. through charges in the court, diversion, etc.) increased by 2% from previous years and compares favourably to the Force's national clearance rate.

We face an ever-increasing challenge in combatting crime and the continuing co-operation between our members and the municipal forces of Charlottetown, Summerside, Kensington and St. Eleanor's police departments, has produced quality results. This not only in achieving the successful conclusion of cases, but also saving in time, energies and resources which benefit all of the communities at large.

MUNICIPAL POLICING:

Our Sherwood/Parkdale Detachment is the only unit exclusively dedicated to Municipal policing, employing a total of nine (9) Regular Members, five (5) for Sherwood and four (4) for Parkdale. The Town of Montague employs two (2) Regular Members and the Town of Souris one (1) Regular Member under Municipal contracts with the Federal Government that do not involve the Province. Extended policing contracts exist between the Province and the Municipalities of Alberton and Tignish for the services of one member in each. Monthly reports are provided by the Detachment Commanders to their respective Councils.

TRAFFIC SERVICES:

Traffic services continue to receive a high priority throughout the Province. Our 1987 enforcement program continued with the driver awareness as well as detection and prosecution of offenders. The "Check Stop" program will continue throughout 1988. The "Driver Beware Night", where on a given night all Detachments across the Province participate in stopping and checking drivers, will continue to be held two nights a month. The program in 1987 resulted in 28,678 drivers being checked and 727 charges being laid under various Statutes.

The continued emphasis placed on these programs appears to be meeting with success as 1987 saw a 15% reduction in the number of fatal motor vehicle accidents and a 40% reduction in the number of persons killed. The following statistics show the accident situation within R.C.M.P. jurisdiction:

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Accident Type	1985	1986	1987
Fatal M.V.A.'s	30 (34)*	19 (29)*	17 (18)*
Injury M.V.A.'s	370	337	400
Property Damage M.V.A.'s	1842	1794	1966

Alcohol was involved in 41% of the fatalities compared to 63% in 1986. These statistics are encouraging, however, the increase in injury and property damage M.V.A.'s indicates that further concentrated efforts will need to be continued to reduce the entire accident picture.

NOTE: (*) - *These figures indicate the actual number of persons killed as a result of the motor vehicle accident.*

NATIVE POLICING:

To ensure the Force has the capability to respond to the policing needs of the Lennox Island Reserve, one person is employed there under the Indian Special Constable program. This Special Constable reports directly to the N.C.O. in charge of Summerside Detachment and provides an important link between the residents of Lennox Island and the R.C.M.P.

A concerted effort is made to ensure police assistance is available to other Reserves within the Province. Accordingly, members of the Charlottetown Detachment have standing working relationships with local officials at Rocky Point and Scotchfort Reserves while members of Souris Detachment co-operate with the residents of the Morell Rear Reserve.

FEDERAL POLICING:

An effective Federally-funded enforcement program is maintained involving an extensive range of Federal Statutes. These include the Narcotic Control Act, and Food & Drugs Act; Customs and Excise Act; Immigration and Passport Act; Citizenship Act; Aeronautics Act; Petroleum Administration Act; Export-Import Act; Canada Shipping Act; and the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Federal policing requires a great deal of proactive effort. Thus, in addition to their specific responsibilities, our specialized Federal Sections assist Provincial Units on a regular basis.

RECRUITING:

During the past year a total of eleven (11) Island residents were engaged in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as Regular Members. Four males and two females were engaged at the Constable rank and five males engaged at the Special Constable rank.

Our recruitment policies continue to place emphasis on post secondary education as well as bilingual capabilities. Although these requirements are not an absolute must, they are a decided advantage to any prospective applicant. Priority is also being afforded to hiring from the minority groups. These extra efforts are being made through affirmative action programs to reflect the population we serve, i.e. the Canadian Mosaic.

There is every indication that 1988 will continue to be an active year in recruiting.

SUMMER STUDENT YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM:

As in past years, the Summer Youth Employment Program met with overwhelming enthusiasm from all participants involved. There were a total of ten (10) University students hired in May 1987. All students were from Prince Edward Island and either attending University of Prince Edward Island or studying law at one of the Universities on the mainland. They were assigned to various Detachments and Units throughout the Province working directly under the supervision and guidance of a Regular Member. Their duties varied from general investigative and highway patrol enforcement to working with our members assigned to Federal enforcement and water safety patrols.

Present indications are that Federal funding will be available to continue with this employment program in 1988.

AUXILIARY POLICING PROGRAM:

As of December 1987, the total RCMP Auxiliary complement was forty-five (45) persons, out of a potential seventy-five (75) Provincially authorized positions. The Auxiliary members worked a total of 4,200 hours of which 2,608 were incurred on a voluntary non-remunerative basis. This group of community-minded individuals provide significant support for our regular personnel during events such as Old Home Week and holiday week-ends. They also assist our members on routine patrols and Operation "Check Stop".

The existence of a trained body of personnel such as the Auxiliary Constables is of great benefit to the citizens of Prince Edward Island. They can be called upon to provide assistance in the event of a major occurrence. These people voluntarily participate in regular training programs and are only paid a small fee when specifically requested to respond to emergent situations.

Auxiliary personnel deserve the admiration of their fellow citizens as they exemplify a willingness to serve their community in a most unselfish and meaningful way.

THE FUTURE:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police as a national law enforcement body provides policing services to Canada and its citizens.

Specifically, the RCMP is mandated to prevent and detect offences against Federal Statutes, prevent and detect crime and maintain law and order in Provinces, Territories and Municipalities under contract. We also work to improve police/community relations; investigate national security offences; and provide investigative and protective services to other Federal departments and agencies.

To this end, the excellent relationship that exists between the RCMP, the Department of Justice, Municipal Police forces and other agencies is acknowledged as a significant and essential factor in our ability to provide the best service possible to the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Crime Prevention and Police Community Relations programs will continue to receive high priorities during 1988. Proactive programs, in particular those tabled by the Minister in the Legislature, i.e. Victims of Crime Assistance Program; Community Crime Prevention; and the Prevention of Drinking and Driving, will continue to be stressed by all units and have been subject of specific Division objectives. Our "Check Stop" program, "Driver Beware Night", active enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act, Criminal Code provisions for the drinking driver, and public education are all dedicated to removing the drinking driver from Island roads and lowering the accident rate.

As a result of the Federal Government's commitment towards reducing the national demand for drugs of abuse, a Drug Awareness Section has been established. The education of young and old alike about alcohol and drug abuse will do much to retain the Island's quality of life.

The realities of economic restraint in both Provincial and Federal programs will continue in 1988. We, however, are confident that with combined efforts, the current high standards will be maintained in order to meet the needs of the people of Prince Edward Island.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS CHART: (*)

	YEAR	REPORTED CASES	% CHANGE 1985 BASE YEAR COMPARISON	"L" DIVISION CLEARANCE RATES
Criminal Code (Person Offences)	1987	457	- 9.7%	77%
	1986	520	+ 2.8%	83%
	1985	506		80%
Criminal Code (Property Offences)	1987	2341	-20.5%	45%
	1986	2901	- 1.5%	34%
	1985	2946		37%
Criminal Code (Other Offences)	1987	2213	+ 7.5%	38%
	1986	2363	+14.8%	36
	1985	2058		44%
Criminal Code (Traffic Offences)	1987	1387	-11.0%	76%
	1986	1331	-14.6%	63%
	1985	1558		81%
Federal Statutes (Drug Offences)	1987	186	-29.3%	84%
	1986	264	+ .4%	67%
	1985	263		64%
Federal Statutes (Other Federal Acts)	1987	355	-16.5%	35%
	1986	379	-10.8%	38%
	1985	425		30%
Provincial Statutes (Traffic Offences)	1987	8359	- 5.9%	88%
	1986	8385	- 5.6%	Data previously not collected for these figures.
	1985	8882		
Provincial Statutes (Non-traffic Offences)	1987	2866	-25.3%	86%
	1986	3331	-13.2%	Data previously not collected for these figures.
	1985	3837		

NOTE: (*) - *All 1987 data presented is preliminary in nature. The clearance rate figures depicted may vary as cases received late in 1986 are brought to conclusion.*

See Appendices "A", "B" and "C" depicting the above information in chart form.

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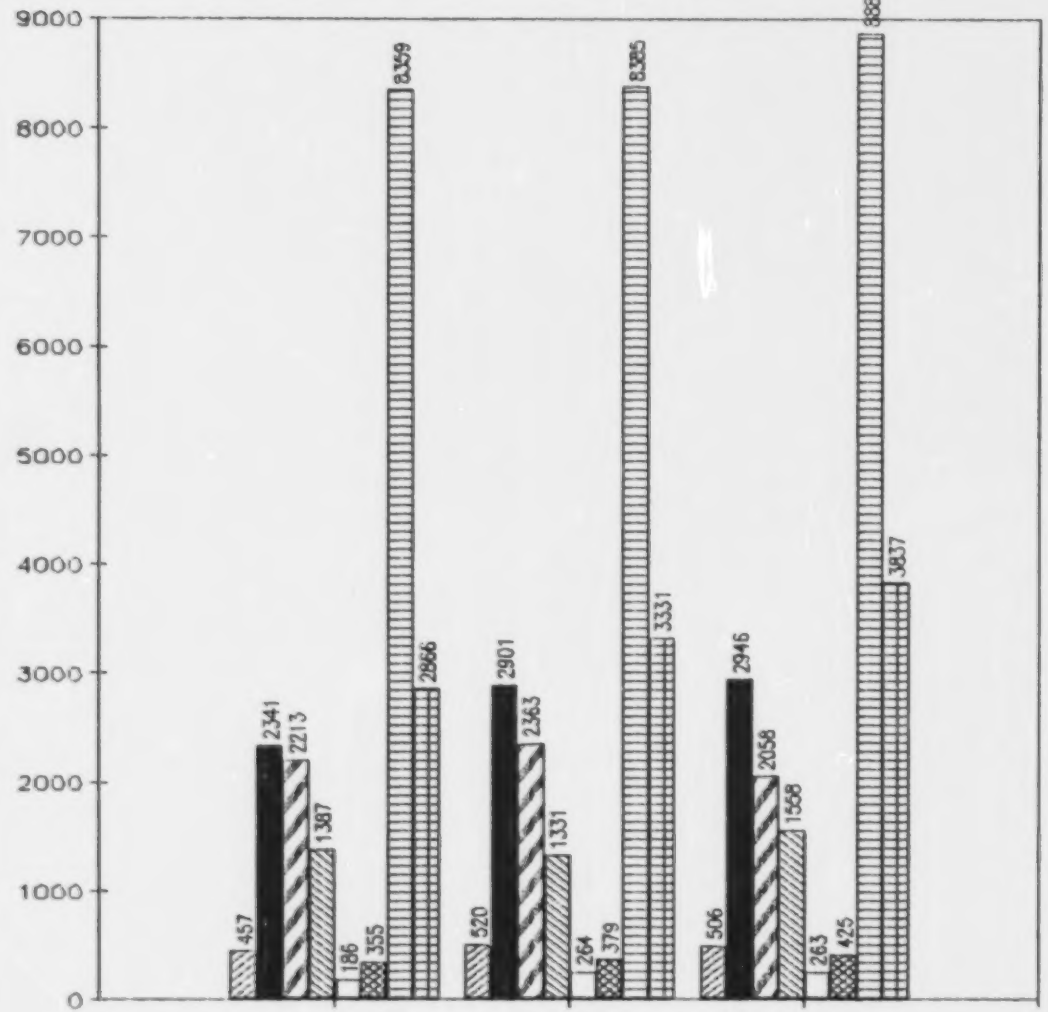

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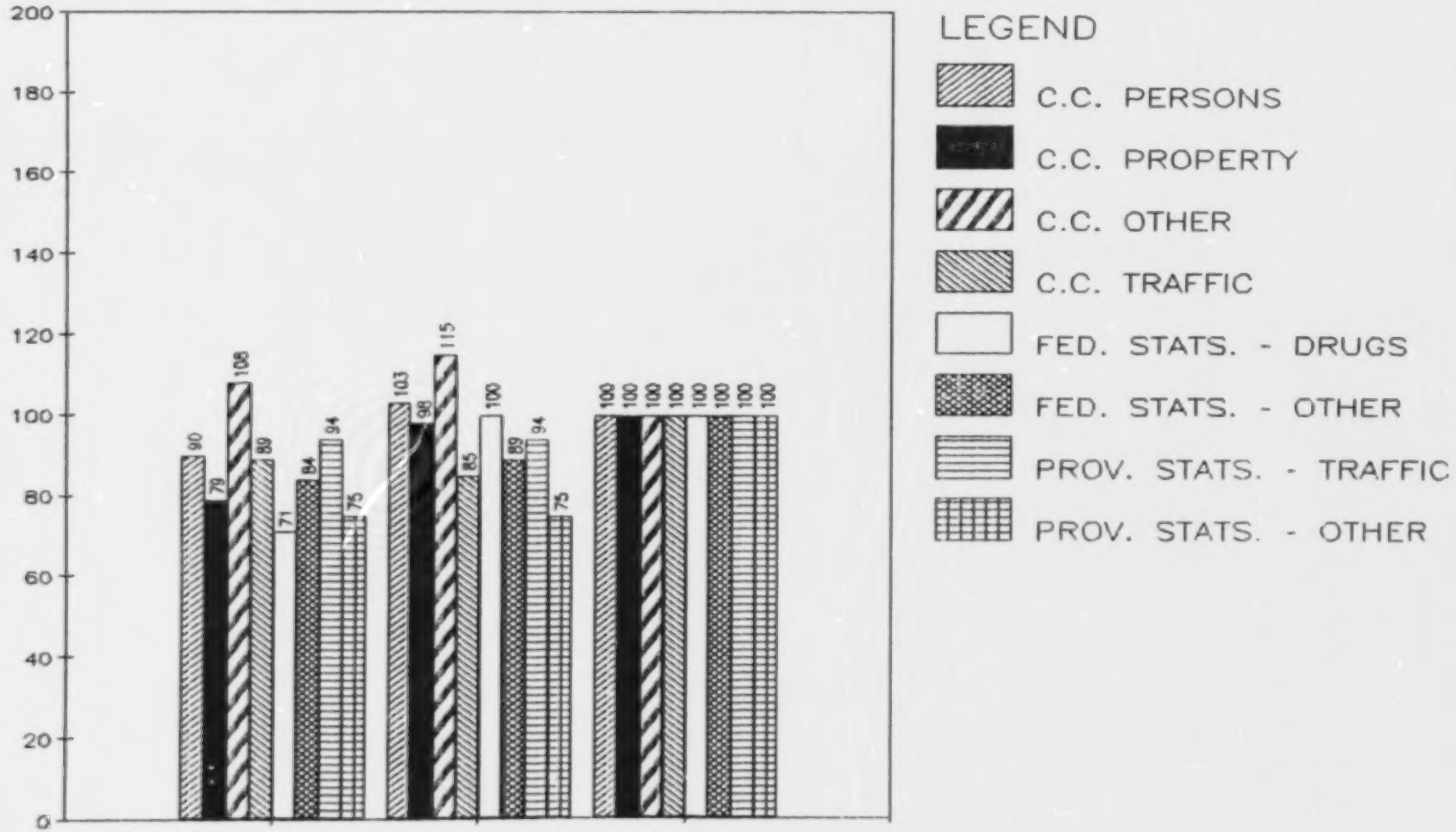

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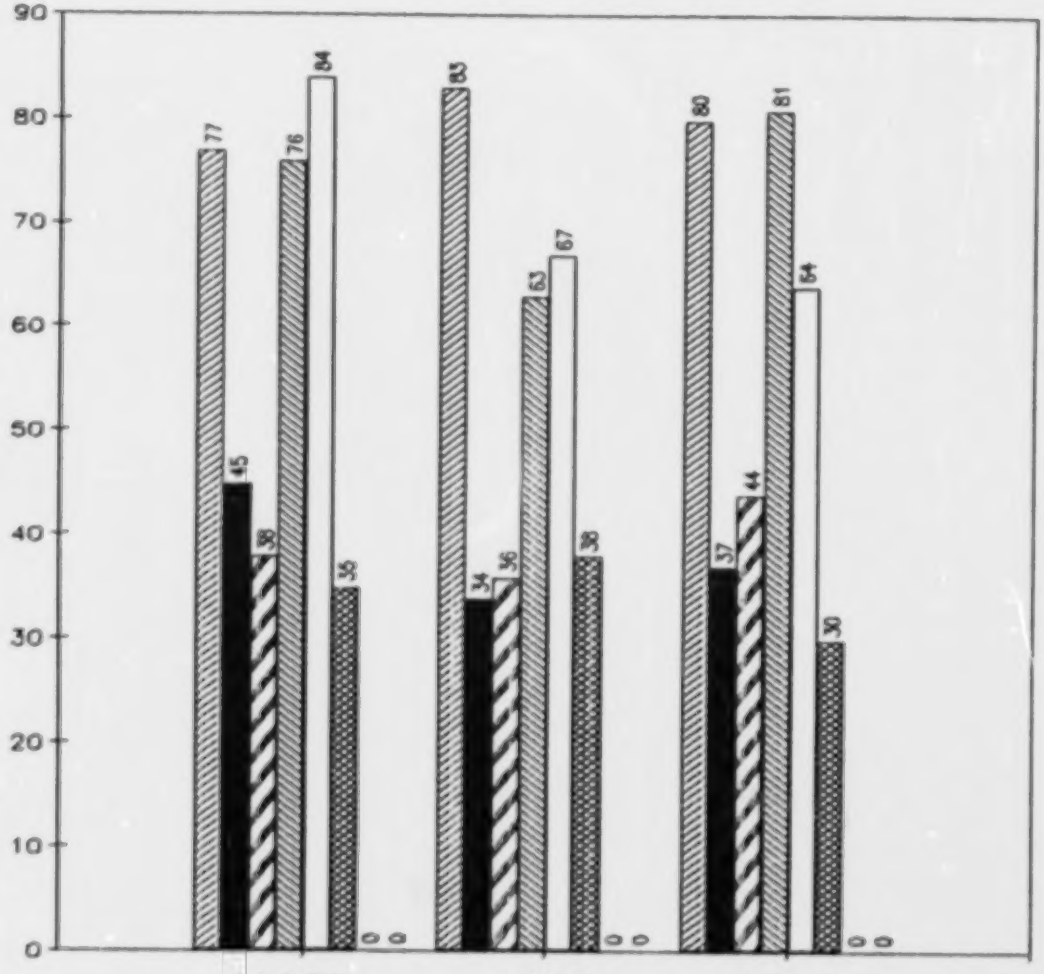

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